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SUBJECT: CODEL EAGLETON: INTERVIEW WITH AKROPOLIS

1. THE FOLLOWING EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR EAGLETON
APPEARED IN AKROPOLIS ON AUGUST 22.

2. Q. IN THE GREEK NEWSPAPERS IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN OFTEN
THAT PAPADOPOULOS AND ROUFOGALIS (CHIA CHIEF) WERE TRAINED
IN USA AND THAT THEY ARE CIA MEN?

A. I HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CHARGE THAT THE
COLONELS WERE TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES OR THAT THEY
WERE CIA MEN.

3. Q. DID CIA SUPPORT THE PAPADOPOULOS REGIME AND BECAUSE OF
USA SUPPORT THE REGIME WAS PROLONGED FOR SEVEN YEARS?

A. I FEEL THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATIONS, BOTH DEMOCRATIC
AND REPUBLICAN, OFFERED EXCESSIVE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
TO THE JUNTA. THIS WAS TRUE OF ALL AGENCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH AND BLAME DOES NOT RESIDE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE CIA.

4. Q. USA GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS, USUALLY, REGIMES WITH
CONSERVATIVE INCLINATIONS. AND IF THE REGIMES ARE IMMORAL AND
UNETHICAL WHAT STEPS DOES SHE TAKE?

A. THE U.S. MUST HAVE RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT WHICH DO NOT
ALWAYS REFLECT OUR IDEAL MODEL. OUR POLICIES, HOWEVER, HAVE
TOO OFTEN FOLLOWED THE COURSE OF CONVENIENCE. IN DOING SO,
U.S. POLICY HAS TOO OFTEN CONTRADICTED THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR
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DEMOCRACY.

5. Q. WHAT WAS THE AMERICAN ROLE IN THE SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD?

A. WE WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN SECURITY INTERESTS THAN WITH THE MORALITY OF OUR POLICY.

6. Q. WAS PAPADOPOULOS A CIA AGENT? WAS HE BLACK-MAILED BY TOM PAPPAS?

A. I HAVE SEEN ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT EITHER CHARGE.

7. Q. WHAT POLITICAL AND MILITARY STEPS WILL USA TAKE IN REGARDS GREECE-CYPRUS-TURKEY?

A. WE WILL HOPEFULLY ALLOW DIPLOMACY TO WORK ITS WILL THROUGH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE NATIONS. THE SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE A CYPRIOT ONE.

8. Q. DID USA HAVE TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE MASSACRE OF CYPRUS?

A. OUR ARMS WERE USED AND THUS WE HAVE AN INDIRECT RESPONSIBILITY.

9. Q. IS IT TRUE THAT USA HAS PROHIBITED GREEK SHIPS ON CYPRUS?

A. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH PROHIBITIONS AND I AM SURE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IF TRUE.
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